

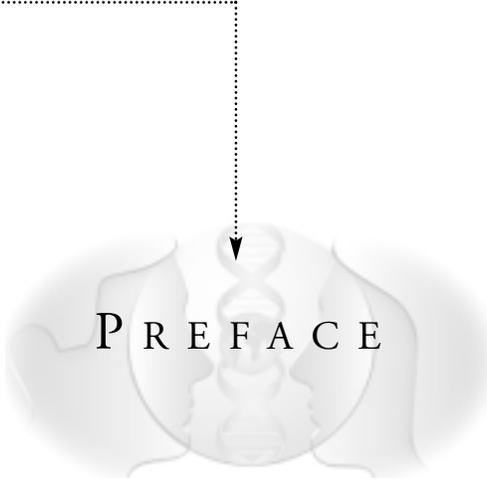
# THE NATIONAL INVESTMENT IN ALCOHOL RESEARCH

**T**his document presents the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism's (NIAAA's) Strategic Plan for the 5-year period 2001–2005. This plan will guide NIAAA in assuring that its resources are invested wisely. It will strengthen coordination within the Institute and across Federal agencies to eliminate costly duplication of programs and services. Determining which areas of research are ready for pursuit, and which ideas merit being moved ahead on an accelerated track, is essential for ensuring continued scientific progress to meet national needs. This plan will support the Institute in responding to the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). This Act, passed in 1993, requires NIAAA to plan and measure performance in new ways.

Many elements of this plan were developed with input from the National Advisory Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, the NIAAA's legislatively mandated advisory board. These elements have been formed, shaped, or influenced by the Council with significant input from scientists in alcohol-related areas as well as other research areas. Council subcommittees accomplished this through program reviews for each of the NIAAA research portfolio areas. In addition, more specific advice on scientific opportunities and public health needs was provided and is reflected in many of the individual plan objectives. The plan also reflects advice from a broad spectrum of sources—researchers, health care providers, over 250 liaison organizations, policymakers, people recovering from alcoholism, their families, and others.

As NIAAA embarks on a new millennium, this document describes its major goals and objectives, strategies for achieving them, and performance indicators that are to be used to report on progress to the public and the Congress.

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